



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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Subject: Changes to Direct Entry Screens  
**(UPDATED 09/04/03 -- QUICK TIPS HAS BEEN REVISED)**

**Screens in attachment:**

**PRACTITIONER | DENTAL | OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL | INPATIENT  
DRG | PRACTITIONER X-OVER | THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY**

Dear Direct Entry Medicaid Claim Submitter:

As you know, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) deadline for compliance for transactions and code sets is October 16, 2003. The services now provided through Direct Entry terminals allow you to submit Medicaid claims and check eligibility information in formats that are **not** HIPAA-compliant.

Under the dual support approach, we have decided to extend the Direct Entry functionality for the present because we know that it is vital that you continue to have access to these services. However, during this transition time, it is important that you identify and implement a HIPAA-compliant means of claim submission.

At some point in the near future, Direct Entry access to the MMIS will cease. The length of time for dual support will be based on the length of time that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will allow us to continue.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the claim entry screens on the Direct Entry terminals will be changing effective September 2, 2003 to accommodate our internal changes related to HIPAA. Copies of the new screen prints are attached for your use.

MAA staff have trained on these screens and find that they seem to be easy to use, however there are several new elements and changes to field placement and length. For instance, the physician claim entry screen is now three screens instead of just one.

There are no changes to the eligibility screen.

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If your system currently uses a "screen scraper" you may have to reprogram that function to capture the new screen elements. We are aware of the short notice of this change and sincerely regret any inconvenience it may cause. Please direct any questions to Chris Johnson of my staff at 360-725-1239 or her email at [johnsc2@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:johnsc2@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Attachment

